



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Heavy Rainfall Causing Flash Flooding

Data tables reflect the week ending: **April 13, 2014**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
		(percent)		
Corn Planted	53	27	29	50
Corn Emerged	17	N/A	0	23
Winter Wheat Headed	16	5	17	25
N/A =Not Available				

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
			(percent)		
Winter Wheat	2	3	26	56	13
Livestock	1	3	33	51	12
Pasture & Range	2	4	44	38	12

SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	0	0	1
Short	0	0	13
Adequate	57	67	65
Surplus	43	33	21

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	0	0	N/A
Short	2	3	N/A
Adequate	58	74	N/A
Surplus	40	23	N/A

GENERAL:

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 3.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 13, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.2 inches of rain in Muscle Shoals to 3.67 inches in Bessemer. Average mean temperatures ranged from 59.9°F in Bessemer to 64.1°F in Montgomery.

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

"Recent rains have hindered corn planting and the forecast for the upcoming week is more rain for the first part of the week.

ACRONYMS: ACES – Alabama Cooperative Extension System; CEC – County Executive Coordinator; CED – County Executive Director; FSA – Farm Service Agency; PT – Program Technician; REA – Regional Extension Agent

Hopefully, corn planting will get in full swing by the end of the week. Wheat is looking good at the present time."

Tim Malone, Marion & Winston County CED - District 10

"Excessive rainfall added to an already wet soil led to extensive flooding across the region. Spraying and fertilizing activities picked up late in the week as some fields dried enough for vehicle traffic."

Henry Dorough, ACES REA - District 20 & 30

"The last 4 inches of rain put a strain on 4-wheel drives in pasture settings; however, I saw some great rye and ryegrass this week that is being grazed or cut for baleage. Some Bermudagrass has green color but no growth."

Jack Tatum, ACES REA - District 20 & 30

"Fields located adjacent to rivers and streams are flooded, and it will take several days, possibly a week without additional rainfall, to dry out enough to get into these fields.

Marie Headley, Bibb & Perry County CED - District 30 & 40

"Most of the county received between 4 - 7 inches of rain on Sunday, Monday & Tuesday. Many of the low lying areas are still flooded. Areas close to the river, the water is still rising."

Brenda Glover, ACES REA - District 40

"Field conditions were slow to improve with the heavy rain from the week before. Some fields along the Alabama and Tallapoosa rivers were flooded covering some early planted corn. The Service Center received .4 inches of rain for the week." **Jeffery Smith - Coosa, Elmore & Tallapoosa Counties CED - District 30 & 40**

"Excess rainfall last weekend and early this week delayed preparation for cotton planting. There were still a group of farmers waiting to finish planting corn as the field surfaces were still soft. Cattle are just hanging with early green stuff and hay they are getting. I am sure a lot of supplements are being supplied to cattle to fill the gap."

Willie Durr, ACES CEC - District 60

"Rain, again! Planting and field work being delayed. What few acres of corn that has been planted may have to be replanted due to field flooding."

Ricky Colquitt, ACES CEC - District 30

"Pastures and livestock were looking good. Thin cattle starting to put on weight from spring grass."

Charles Simon, ACES CEC - District 60

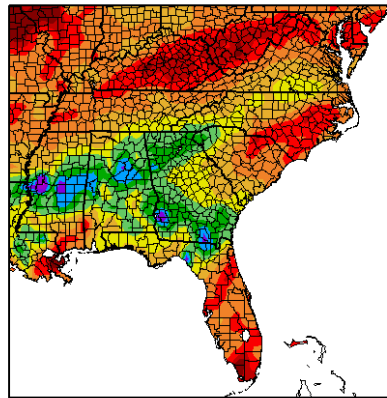
"There is flooding throughout the county. I am not sure how it is going to affect wheat, pastures, and other crops at this point."

Karin Knowles, Covington County CED - District 60

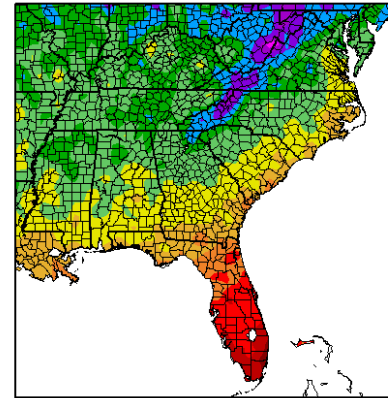
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/>

Precipitation (in)
4/7/2014 - 4/13/2014



Temperature (F)
4/7/2014 - 4/13/2014



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U.S. Drought Monitor - April 8, 2014

National Weather Service

<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Condition (Percent Area):

Week	Date	Nothing	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	4/8/2014	96.18	3.82	1.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week	4/1/2014	75.45	24.55	3.37	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	1/7/2014	94.61	5.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year	12/31/2013	97.35	2.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year	10/1/2013	96.85	3.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago	4/9/2013	91.01	8.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Intensity:

- D0 - Abnormally Dry
- D1 - Moderate Drought
- D2 - Severe Drought
- D3 - Extreme Drought
- D4 - Exceptional Drought

